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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 4-11.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has indicated that claims 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness and the intervening limitations of claim 1 are added.

The Examiner has identified the term "interpose" as used in Claim 1, from which Claims 12-14 depend as the source of the indefiniteness. Applicant has amended claims 12-14 replacing the term "interpose" with "move". Support for a moving scavenging blade pushed along the PWB is found in the specification at Page 2 lines 23-25, Page 3 line 17 and page 4 line 5.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections to Claims 12-14.

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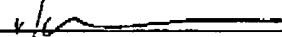
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It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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